

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 33, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The magnetic tape apparatus 20 includes a processor 40, an I/O address recorder/register 42, a tacho pulse detecting circuit 46, a digital analog converter (DAC) unit 48, a read/write circuit 50, a pulse speed meter circuit 52, a power monitoring circuit 54, a nonvolatile memory 56, ROM 58, and RAM 60, which are mutually connected by a bus 62. The magnetic tape apparatus 20 is connected to a host system 64 via the bus 62.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 19, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Moreover, in the first embodiment, the turnover position and the stop position on the magnetic tape 22 is displaced after the read/write process is completed. But the present invention is not limited to this method. Another method, in which the turnover position and the stop position on the magnetic tape 22 are displaced after the EOT is detected, may be applied. --